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Application No.

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Examiner

KIMBERLY LOVEL

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final filed 7 June 2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-11,13,15,16 and 19-39.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This communication is in response to the Amendment filed 7 June 2010.
2. In the Amendment filed 7 June 2010, claims 1, 3-11, 13, 15, 16 and 19-39 are pending and claims 2, 12, 14, 17 and 18 are cancelled. As a result of the Arguments and Remarks in the Amendment filed 7 June 2010, claims 1, 3-11, 13, 15 and 16-39 (renumbered as 1-34) are allowed.

Claim Clarifications - 35 USC § 101

3. Claims 1, 3-11, 15, 16, 19-26 and 34-37 are directed towards a file system comprising a plurality of servers. The servers are construed as representing the necessary hardware since the specification states that the server represents a conventional processor or microprocessor in order to place the claim in the statutory category of a system. Claims 13, 27, 28 and 38 are directed towards a master. The master also is construed as including the necessary hardware since it includes a processor according to the specification.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In the Examiner's Final Office Action dated 5 March 2010, claims 1, 3-10, 13, 15, 16, 19, 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 and 34-39 were rejected under 35 USC 103 based primarily on US PGPub 2002/0120763 to Miloushev et al, US PGPub 2002/0191311 to Ulrich et

al and US PGPub 2003/0131104 to Karamanolis et al; claims 11, 21 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC 103 based primarily on US PGPub 2002/0120763 to Miloushev et al, US PGPub 2002/0191311 to Ulrich et al, US PGPub 2003/0131104 to Karamanolis et al and US Patent No 5,644,751 to Burnett; claim 20 was rejected under 35 USC 103 based primarily on US PGPub 2002/0120763 to Miloushev et al, US PGPub 2002/0191311 to Ulrich et al, US PGPub 2003/0131104 to Karamanolis et al and US Patent No 5,283,894 to Deran; and claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 32 and 33 were rejected under 35 USC 103 based primarily on US PGPub 2002/0120763 to Miloushev et al, US PGPub 2002/0191311 to Ulrich et al, US PGPub 2003/0131104 to Karamanolis et al and US Patent No 6,021,408 to Burnett.

The claimed invention is directed towards a file system comprising a plurality of servers storing file data as chunks and a master connected to the servers. The master stores namespace data, mapping data, an operation log and location data. The master communicates with the servers at startup to identify the chunks stored by the servers and records in a non-persistent manner, the location data.

The prior art of record, Miloushev, Ulrich, Karamanolis, Burnett and Deran, do not show, teach or suggest the features of, **a master storing an operation log that includes a historical record of changes that have occurred to at least one of the namespace data or mapping data; and where the master is to: communicate with the servers at startup of the master to identify the chunks stored by the servers, and record, only in a non-persistent manner, information regarding the chunks, which have been identified as being stored by each of the servers, as the location**

data combination with the other claimed features.

Referring to Applicant's arguments filed on page 3 of the Remarks in regards to claim 1, the Applicant states "... do not disclose or suggest a master that is to, among other things, store an operation log that includes a historical record of changes that have occurred to at least one of namespace data, which includes file identifiers for files for which the file data is stored as chunks, or mapping data, which maps the file identifiers to the chunks to which the file identifiers correspond, as recited in claim 1."

The Applicant further argues on page 6 of the Remarks "... whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, also do not disclose or suggest a master that is to, among other things, communicate with the servers at startup of the master to identify the chunks stored by the servers and record, in only a non-persistent manner, information regarding the chunks, which have been identified as being stored by each of the servers as location data."

Applicant's arguments, filed 7 June 2010, with respect to the prior art rejections of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 USC 103 rejections of the claims have been withdrawn.

An updated search for prior art on the EAST database and on domains (NPL-ACM, Google, IEEE) has been conducted. The prior art searched and investigated in the database and domains does not fairly teach or suggest the teaching of the claimed subject matter as described above and reflected by the combined elements in independent claims 1, 13, 15, 16 and 30. Dependent claims 3-11, 19-29 and 31-39 are deemed allowable for the reasons stated above in regards to the independent claims.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- US Patent No 7,194,492 to Seidenberg et al

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KIMBERLY LOVEL whose telephone number is (571)272-2750. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cottingham can be reached on (571) 272-7079. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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